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BRUSSELS FOR AMBASSADOR IRWIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, FR, OVIP (GALLEY, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: GALLEY VISIT WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

REF: SECDEF MSG 112222Z SEP 73

1. LETTER OF INVITATION TO MINISTER GALLEY QUOTED IN PARA 2 OF REFERENCE WAS DELIVERED BY DEFENSE ATTACHE BRIG. GEN. DONALDSON AT 1815 LOCAL ON 11 SEP PER TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM OFFICE ASD/ISA. LETTER WAS GIVEN TO BRIG. GEN. BIRE, CHIEF OF MINISTER GALLEY'S MILITARY CABINET.

2. QUESTION IN PARA 3 OF REFERENCE WILL BE PASSED BY GENERAL BIRE TO MINISTER GALLEY FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. ITINERARY AS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 OF REFERENCE WAS DISCUSSED EXCEPT OVERNIGHT STOP FOR 23RD WAS GIVEN AS NEW YORK. GENERAL BIRE GAVE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO ITINERARY AND NO PROBLEM IS EXPECTED IN MOVING OVERNIGHT STOP FOR 23RD TO WASHINGTON.

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4. INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 5 OF REFERENCE WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, ARRIVAL IS EXPECTED TO BE JFK AT 1955 LOCAL ON AIR FRANCE #017 ON THE 23RD.

5. BRIG. GEN. DONALDSON WILL ACCOMPANY AND PLANS TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK EARLY SO HE CAN MEET GROUP UPON THEIR ARRIVAL.

6. BIRE SAID GALLEY HOPES TO MEET WITH SECRETARY-DESIGNATE KISSINGER. WHILE WE REALIZE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE WILL PROBABLY BE SEEING JOBERT SAME WEEK AND HIS SCHEDULE UNDOUBTEDLY IS CROWDED WITH OTHER BILATERALS IN NEW YORK, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS MEETING BE ARRANGED IF AT POSSIBLE. IN VIEW OF RECENT INDICATIONS THAT GOF IS RE-EXAMINING FRENCH DEFENSE POLICY, WE SHOULD TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF GALLEY'S VISIT TO PROBE HIS THINKING AND EXPOSE HIM TO US VIEWS. STONE

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